



**PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1290-A)**

In re Application of:

Sammak, et al.

Serial No.: 10/037,285

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Individual Cells During Kinetic Assays

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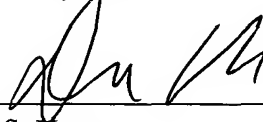
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Foreign Documents

2. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/72258, published on November 30, 2000.

Other Documents

3. Giuliano, et al., "High-Content Screening: A New Approach to Easing Key Bottlenecks in the Drug Discovery Process", Journal of Biomolecular Screening, Larchmont, Ny, Us, Vol: 4(2), (1997), pp. 249-259.
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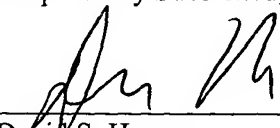
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	1.	5,973,732	10-26-99	Thomas C. Guthrie			2-19-97

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2.	WO 00/72258	11-30-00	PCT			x	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

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